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SUBJ: MUSLIM DISSIDENCE AND GOP RELATIONS WITH MUSLIM STATES

1. IN NATION- WIDE TELEVISION/ RADIO DISCUSSION ON MAY 8 PRESIDENT MARCOS DECLARED THAT SITUATION IN MUSLIM AREAS OF MINDANAO HAD BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. HE CONTINUED THAT THERE WAS NOW WIDER REALIZATION, IN US AS WELL AS IN ARAB COUNTRIES, OF NATURE RECENT DISTURBANCES. MARCOS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA IN EXPLAINING THIS SITUATION TO FOURTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

2. MARCOS SAID TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN HAD RECENTLY NOTIFIED GOP
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THAT, FOLLOWING ON CONFERENCE, FOREIGN MINISTERS OF SAUDI ARABIA, LIBYA, SENEGAL AND SOMALIA WOULD LIKE TO VISIT PHILIPPINES AND CONFER WITH MARCOS AT SOME CONVENIENT TIME. MARCOS SAID HE WELCOMED VISIT, HOPED THAT IT WOULD SETTLE ONCE AND FOR ALL THE MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING RECENT DISTURBANCES INVOLVING PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS. HE ALSO BELIEVED VISIT WOULD SERVE TO DEMONSTRATE TO VISITING FOREIGN MINISTERS MASSIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MUSLIMS WHICH GOP HAD UNDERWAY.

3. UPON RECOMMENDATION OF FONSEC ROMULO AND GOP AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO, MARCOS SAID GOP GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO APPOINTING AMBASSADORS TO TWO ADDITIONAL (UNNAMED) ARAB STATES. HAMILTON

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